



# Appeals and State Hearings Newsletter

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## County Workers for One Day

On 4/20/04, ASH hosted 19 children who participated in the "Take Your Sons & Daughters To Work Day." The "one-day visitors" experienced a "reality" work day starting with an orientation meeting, networking and work assignments. Some of the children visited the State building and observed a hearing in session. In the afternoon, the "new staff" participated in three mock hearings and learned much about the appeals process. The issues heard related to getting a pierced navel, obtaining a cell phone and going to the mall unsupervised. The participants did a great job in observing the formality of the process, preparing for the debate and presenting rational arguments on their viewpoints. Some claimed that this was an excellent exercise with transferable skills and they plan to use it at home !!



**Case Correction Memos (PA 411)** sent by ASH to district offices now identify potential Food Stamp errors. If the issue involves Food Stamps, a notation on the upper right hand corner of the PA 411 alerts districts that the case in question may have a potential Food Stamp error!



**In April 2004, there were 222 PA 411s with FS alert notations. Remember that a corrected case means one less error case!!!**

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## MEDS Recon Workload

DPSS and the State have been involved in efforts to resolve discrepancies between MEDS and LEADER files. Notices of Action were sent to 150,000+ persons to notify them that MEDS eligibility would end effective 4/30/04. The reconciliation is a Departmentwide effort and ASH has been significantly impacted due to the 1,000+ state hearing filings received in 4/04. The "recon" filings are being assigned to an ASH Taskforce. Aid Paid Pending was initiated on the majority of the filings received prior to the effective date of action. ASH is working closely with DPSS line staff and the State Hearing Division in Sacramento to resolve the MEDS Recon issues. The Taskforce is contacting all MEDS Recon filers to explain the hearing process and the reconciliation effort. For claimants who agree to conditionally withdraw their hearing requests, districts will evaluate Medi-Cal eligibility and make needed corrections to incorrect MEDS files in the State's computer system.



## Got Your Calendar



The Appeals Liaisons meeting for staff associated with GAIN & Child Care issues has been scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 25, 2004 at ASH Headquarters. Medi-Cal will be scheduled in June, IHSS will be in July and CW & FS is to take place in August. Line staff is encouraged to attend these interactive meetings!!

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